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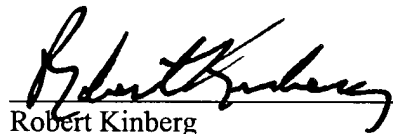
A1-A5 are listed on the attached European Search Report. A4 is the U.S. counterpart of A5. A6 shows an apparatus for transporting cigarettes of filters of the tobacco processing industry. The transported cigarettes are held at the surrounding of the transport apparatus (conveying drum) by suction air. A7 and A8 are cited in the above specified application. An English language translation is being submitted with A8.

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